

(b) reading said vehicle identifier with a vehicle code reader to retrieve information about said vehicle;
(c) communicating said information to a central agency; and
(d) processing said information in said central agency; wherein said vehicle code reader is a mobile scanning device.

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-- 12. (New claim) The method for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 11 wherein said information is contained in a bar code.

-- 13. (New claim) The method for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 12 wherein said bar code contains a VIN number of said vehicle.

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-- 14. (New claim) The method for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 11 wherein said central agency charges an established account of said vehicle to assess road use related fees.

-- 15. (New claim) The method for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 14 wherein said road use related fees comprise toll fees, fines, and parking fees.

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-- 16. (New claim) The method for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 11 wherein said mobile scanning device is transported via a manned scooter.

-- 17. (New claim) The method for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 11 wherein said central agency is in a fixed location.

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-- 18. (New claim) An apparatus for collecting vehicle road use related fees comprising:

- (a) a vehicle identifier attached to a vehicle;
 - (b) a vehicle code reader for retrieving information contained in said vehicle identifier; and
 - (c) a central agency for processing said information;
- wherein said vehicle code reader is a mobile scanning device.

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-- 19. (New claim) The apparatus for collecting vehicle road use related fees of claim 18 wherein said vehicle identifier comprises a bar code.

-- 20. (New claim) The apparatus for collecting vehicle road use related fees of claim 19 wherein said bar code contains a VIN number of said vehicle.

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-- 21. (New claim) The apparatus for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 18 wherein said central agency charges an established account of said vehicle to assess road use related fees.

-- 22. (New claim) The apparatus for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 21 wherein said road use related fees comprise toll fees, fines, and parking fees.

-- 23. (New claim) The apparatus for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 18 wherein said mobile scanning device is transported via a manned scooter.

-- 24. (New claim) The apparatus for collecting vehicular road use fees of claim 18 wherein said central agency is in a fixed location.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the new claims and the following remarks.